

B. REMARKS

The claims stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 5,817,311 and over Claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,849,258. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

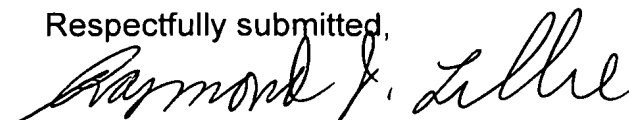
Accompanying this response are terminal disclaimers with respect to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,817,311 and 6,849,258. Applicants assert that such terminal disclaimers obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

The Examiner states further that the claims are directed to an invention not patentably distinct from Claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 5,951,983 and Claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,849,258.

In response, Applicants state that the prior inventors of the conflicting subject matter are Hervé Bazin and Dominique Latinne. Drs. Bazin and Latinne have assigned their rights in such subject matter to the Université Catholique de Louvain.

For the above reasons and others, this application is in condition for allowance, it is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn and a favorable action is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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